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TO:	Mr. Peter Roman Subcommittee on Environment, Energy & Natural Resources House Government Operations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515
Dear Peter:	
Enclosed is another article relating to the "toxic dumping" in Haiti which I thought you might find interesting.	
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REF FL192207 PORT-AU-PRINCE RADIO NATIONALE FRENCH 191700--HAITI:
 FURTHER ON VESSELS CARRYING TOXIC WASTE

Haiti: MDN Urges Legal Action for Toxic Waste Trafficking

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Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil Network in Creole 1200 GMT 23
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[Text] The political party Mobilization for National
 Development [MDN] has said they learned with indignation and
 anguish that the vessel "Khian Sea," from Philadelphia, dumped
 4,000 tons of toxic waste near the sea in Sonaves on 21 January

1987, thus endangering the lives of area residents and the entire population of Haiti.

The note continues: This new form of massacre, of genocide, was thought up and carried out with the complicity of certain high-ranking Haitian authorities and the only reaction to it was a timid little communique from the Ministry of Information issued on 18 February 1988.

No serious measures have been taken to rid the area of this toxic waste and to protect the population against the poisoning of the atmosphere, water, trees, and animals, says the MDN note.

The MDN says they support the main recommendations made by the Federation of Friends of Nature and they think it is indispensable that the competent public authorities publish an official report on the waste's degree of toxicity.

Secondly, the contaminated area should be declared off-limits. The population living in that area should be relocated and put in quarantine. Pregnant women should be tested to help prevent the birth of children with physical deformities and other birth defects. The salt marshes in Gonaives should be shut down and fishing should be prohibited in the area.

Also, legal action should be initiated against the authorities involved in the traffic of this toxic waste.

That was a note from the MDN's information department.

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